

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, September 27, 2005 3:22 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2005, supported by Representative Casperson. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

On behalf of the Committee, Chair Nitz welcomed Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Mitch Irwin. Director Irwin reviewed MDA priorities and programs, including food products, value-added products and opportunities, alternative energy development, keeping and creating agricultural jobs in Michigan, environmental stewardship and the development of electronic animal identification. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:55 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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